

# Grace Ev. Lutheran Church (LCMS)

## News & Notes

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### THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE – July 5<sup>th</sup>–July 12<sup>th</sup>

#### Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

**Setting:** Divine Service, Setting 3, beginning on page 184

**Hymns:** 717 699 618 684 662 965

**Readings:** Zechariah 9:9-12 Romans 7:14-25a Matthew 11:25-30

**Sermon:** “Rest for the Weary” – Matthew 11:28-30

**Praying For:** Allen Anderson, Brad Birtell, Dick Block, David Edens, Scott McBride, Betsy Henningsen, Mary Krapf, Matthew Soenksen, John Gisel, and Jill Gisel.

## CALENDAR

|           |                                        |
|-----------|----------------------------------------|
| 7/5/2026  | "Mites" Sunday                         |
| 8:00 AM   | Traditional Worship w/Communion        |
| 10:00 AM  | Praise Worship w/Communion@ Grace Camp |
| 4:00 PM   | High School Youth Group                |
| 7/6/2026  | 8:00 AM Lower the Flags                |
| 1:00 PM   | 500 Card Club                          |
| 6:00 PM   | Board of Discipleship                  |
| 6:30 PM   | Elders Meeting                         |
| 7/8/2026  | 7:00 AM Board of Finance Meeting       |
| 7/9/2026  | 9:00 AM Tops Meeting                   |
| 9:30 AM   | Stay Active Senior Exercise Group      |
| 7/12/2026 | Grace Hall Rental                      |
|           | RaiseRight Orders Due                  |
| 8:00 AM   | Traditional Worship                    |
| 10:00 AM  | Praise Worship @ Grace Camp            |

Gifts, Tithes & Offerings for 6/28/2026. To fully fund the church budget, we need \$7,929.00 per week.

Weekly Offering \$ 8,010.00

#### Attendance for the week of 6/28/2026

##### Sunday Worship

8:00 am 77

10:30 am 68

**Total 145**

#### Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>

##### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Pastor Merle Warnsholz**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Clint Albrecht

Acolyte: Brody Lawrence

##### 10:00 a.m. Service @ Camp

**Pastor Merle Warnsholz**

Music: Praise Band

Elder: Aaron Meyers & Lucas Rickertsen

#### Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

##### 8:00 a.m. Service

**Pastor Merle Warnsholz**

Organist: Diana Baetke

Elder: Clint Albrecht

Acolyte: Kennick Meyer

##### 10:00 a.m. Service @ Camp

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Altar flowers were given in honor of Laura's Birthday.

### We're preparing for the next Victory Center meal on July 16<sup>th</sup> — and we need your help!

The next Victory Center meal will be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>. We are seeking volunteers to help provide and serve a variety of food items, including casseroles, side dishes, desserts, and milk, as well as people to deliver and serve the meal.

If you're able to contribute, you can sign up by visiting the Welcome Center where sign-up sheets are available. This is a great opportunity to support our community, meet others, and make a direct impact on those in need.

### Summer Camp Food Donations Needed

With all our campers and counselors arriving soon, we have *many mouths to feed!* Please stop by the donation sign-up sheets in the church foyer to see how you can help.

Donations are due Thursday, July 23rd by noon.

We're also in need of lots of cookies — but please, no peanuts for allergy safety.

Thank you for helping make camp a wonderful experience for everyone

### **Volunteers Needed**

Summer Camp will be here before you know it. On Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, we need volunteers to help with registration at 10 a.m. All registration volunteers are asked to arrive at the camp pavilion by 9:30 am. If you would like to assist with this, please contact Kerry at the Church office.

**The 2026 Altar Flower calendar is on the Welcome Center.** Bouquets can be donated in honor of or in memory of persons or events. Each bouquet is \$30 and there are two bouquets available each week. Please sign up for your preferred dates and place your payment in the secretary's door. You may purchase one or both bouquets.

The following dates are available:

August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

September 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

October 4<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>

November 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

December 13<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

We hope to have flowers every week, but we know that there are Sundays when the arrangements will not be spoken for. It is on these Sundays when you will not see arrangements on the altar. To assist the church in making arrangements, there is another way you can help. Donate money to our flower fund. We will then use the money in the flower fund to cover the cost of flowers when they have not been spoken for.

**\*\*\* Remember,** we can only provide flowers when there is money in this fund. If you do not see flowers on a Sunday flowers were not spoken for and the Flower Fund does not have money in it.

 **RaiseRight™**  
GIFT CARD PROGRAM



### **Youth Fundraiser Order Due - July 12<sup>th</sup>**

Order Forms can be found on the Welcome Center or on the registration table at the outdoor chapel.

### **Camp Cleaning Position Available Start Immediately**

We are seeking a reliable individual to clean our camp facilities.

**Details: Hours:** 20 hours per month

**Schedule:** Preferably Mondays or Tuesdays  
(some flexibility)

**Pay:** \$16/hour

**Supplies:** All cleaning supplies provided; basic tools available in each building

**Areas to Clean:** Pavilion bathrooms, Andrew, Peter, and Welton Chapel

If interested, contact **Jason Hill** at **563-321-2662**.

### **High School Youth Group**

Attention all 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Please join us Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm – 7 pm at the G\*Y\*M Building at Grace Camp. Invite your friends and come hang out for a while playing games, having dinner, and hearing from God's Word.

### **Introduction to the Bible**

If you have a student who is entering 3<sup>rd</sup> grade this fall, please stop by the office to pick up your Introduction to the Bible packet. Bibles will be presented to the children during either worship service on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Mark Sperry with any questions.

**Looking for cards? A variety of cards and napkins are available for purchase next to the Welcome Center.** Please take a moment to see the wide assortment of cards displayed in the foyer.

### **Confirmation Classes**

Grace offers a three-year program for students in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades. If you have a student in one of these grades, please contact the church office to let us know they will be attending classes beginning this September. Orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 pm here at church. A letter with more information will be sent out in early August.